IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION (LODG.) NO.2294 OF 2004

Chandrasen Kondiba Bansode ..Petitioner.
Vs.
Union of India & Ors. ..
Respondents.

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Mr. D.V. Gangal for the petitioner.
Mr. T.J. Pandian for respondent Nos.1 to 3.

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CORAM : DALVEER BHANDARI, C.J.&
DR.D.Y.CHANDRACHUD, J.

8th October, 2004.

P.C. :

1. The petitioner who was working as Chief Ticket Inspector with the railways was charged with following articles of charges :

> "He connived with Shri. L.M. Maraskolhe, ACM-I who was a Question Paper setter for written test of Ticket Collectors held on 9.1.99 and obtained a Question Paper for the above said test in advance and leaked out the same to certain candidates who had paid contactman for Shri. L.M. Maraskolhe".

2. According to this charge, the petitioner failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and acted in a manner unbecoming of Railway Servant by way of contravening Rule 3(1)

(i)(ii) & (iii) of Railway Service Conduct Rules 1966.

3. The Enquiry Officer has completed the proceedings and submitted his report to the disciplinary authority on 13th November, 2003. The matter is pending before the disciplinary authority. The Central Administrative Tribunal by its order dated 16th June, 2004 directed the disciplinary authority to complete the proceedings within a period of two months.

4. We are told by the learned counsel for the respondents that time has been extended upto 22nd November, 2004. We hope and trust that the disciplinary authority shall conclude the proceedings on or before 22nd November, 2004. No further directions are necessary. The impugned order passed by the Central Administrative Tribunal does not require any interference. The writ petition, being devoid of any merit, is dismissed.

CHIEF JUSTICE

DR.D.Y.CHANDRACHUD, J.